



Level 3

हारू Haru

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के छी हारू?

Who is Haru?



हे, हमही छी हारू!

Hi, I'm Haru!



ई छी ओ स्थान जतऽ हम बेशी
काल भोरमे रहै छी। हमर प्रिय
जलखै अछि खूब मसल्लाबला
झोरगर चना-बदाम, माखन-
मिसरीबला टोस्ट आ मीठ आ
खूब दूधबला महोर चाह।

This is where I spend
most
mornings.

My favourite breakfast is
spicy chickpea curry,
buttered toast with sugar
on top, and sweet, milky
tea.



गुमारमे हमरा चाही
छाह।

On hot days,
I can find shade.

आ बुन्नीमे ओहार।
On rainy days,
shelter.





आ जाड़क रातिमे
घूरक गरमी।
On cold nights,
warmth.



एक दिन भीड़-
भरक्कामे बाटपर हमरा
चोट लागि गेल।

One day, I got hurt
on the busy road.

दीदाकेँ हम भेटल्लिए।
Dida found me.





ओ हमरा डेरापर
आनलन्हि।
She took me home.



ओ हमार खूब सेवा
केलन्हि। हमरा खूब
फल-फूल, साग-
तरकरी खुएलन्हि।

She took care of
me.

She fed me
vegetables and
fruit.



हमर नव परिवार बड्डु
नीक अछि। बच्चासभ
आइ मुश्किलमे रहथि
से दीदा हुनका सभसँ
स्वीटर बुनबा रहल
छथि।

My new family is
nice.

The boys are in
trouble today
so Dida is making
them knit scarves.



हमर पएर आब ठीक
अछि। हैए, हम कपड़ा
सुखा रहल छी।

My leg is fine now.
Here I am, helping
with the laundry.



ई जिनगी कोनो बेजाय
नै।

It's not a bad life.

हारू एकटा असली बत्तू छी! ओकरा ग्रानी इटुको १९७०क आसपास शान्तिनिकेतनमे बचेने छलखिन्ह। ओ हुनकर परिवारक संग मारिते रास कुकुड़, चिड़ै, गाय, लुक्खी, परबा आ बत्तख आ एकटा साँप संग बढ़ऽ लागल। बत्तू सभ तेज आ हँसी लगबैबला होइए, आ बजेलापर दौगि कए अबैए जँ अहाँ ओकरा सन अरँ केनाइ सीखि जाइ, जेना हम सिखने छी। मुदा ई बदमाशी खूब करैए, मोटा-मोटी सभ पात सिसोहि कऽ चिबा जाइए आ बेशीकाल मोश्किलमे पड़ि जाइए! हारूक जिनगी केना रहै से हम अही तरहँ कल्पना करै छी।

Haru was a real goat! He was rescued by Granny Ituko in Santiniketan in West Bengal, during the 1970s. He grew up as a member of her family, along with many dogs, birds, cows, squirrels, pigeons and ducks, and one snake. Goats are intelligent and funny, and they come running when called, especially if you learn to bleat like them which I did. They can be really mischievous, they chew on almost everything, they get into all sorts of trouble! This is how I imagine Haru's life was.



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हारू Haru

(Maithili-English)

आउ हारूसँ भेंट करै छी। ओकरा खेनाइ, दौगनाइ आ खेलेनाइ खूब नीक लगै छै। कतेक दिन ओकरा खेनाइ मुश्किलसँ भेटै छै आ जड़कालामे सुतबा लेल गरम स्थान सेहो कतेक राति ओकरा नै भेटै छै, मुदा हारूक मानब छै जे काल्हि अवश्ये नीक हेतै। सत्ते, जँ प्रेम आ आनन्द छै तँ ई जिनगी कोनो बेजाय नै! Meet Haru, who loves to eat, run and play. Even though there are nights when it's hard to find a warm place to sleep, or days when there isn't enough food to eat, Haru is always certain that tomorrow will be better. After all, as long as there is love and joy, it's not a bad life!

This is a Level 3 book for children who are ready to read on their own.



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